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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, UNGA
SUBJ: UNSSOD: IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MILITARY AND NUCLEAR
ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 144994

1. POL OFFS GOT APPOINTMENT JUNE 14 FOR DISCUSSION OF DRAFT
IRAQI RESOLUTION WITH CHIEF OF UN AFFAIRS OFFICE OF MFA
POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, FAISAL AL-RIFAI. RIFAI PLED TOTAL
IGNORANCE OF IRAQI RESOLUTION AND KUWAITI DELEGATION SUPPORT
THEREOF. POL OFF OUTLINED THE FACTS, NOTED THAT EGYPT AND
SAUDI ARABI WERE NOT CO-SPONSORS, AND UNDERLINED SERIOUS USG
CONCERN OVER THIS ADVERSE DEVELOPMENT, DETAILING THE REASONS
FOR OUR CONCERN (LISTED REFTEL). POL OFF URGED THAT GOK SEEK TO
HELP NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER COUNTRIES DEFER CONSIDERATION OF
RESOLUTION AND, IF NOT POSSIBLE, WITHDRAW CO-SPONSORSHIP AND
EITHER ABSTAIN OR VOTE AGAINST.

2. RIFAI REPLIED THAT, WITHOUT HAVING SEEN THE TEXT OF THE
RESOLUTION, IT APPEARED THAT KUWAITI PERM REP BISHARA MUST HAVE
CO-SPONSORED IT AS A STEP TO BRING ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON ISRAEL
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IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS, WHICH RIFAI ASSERTED WAS
JUSTIFIED AND WOULD HELP THE PROCESS. POL OFFS POINTED OUT
SEVERAL TIMES THAT SSOD WAS IMPROPER FORUM TO TABLE A PROPOSED
EMBARGO OF ISRAELI ARMS SUPPLY, AGAIN NOTED DANGERS TO OVERALL
OBJECTIVES OF SSOD, AND ASSERTED THAT THE ONE-SIDED NATURE OF
THE RESOLUTION WOULD IN NO EVENT HELP THE CAUSE OF MIDDLE
EAST PEACE, DRAWING DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE IRAQI MOVE AND PAST

UN RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAD SERVED THE CAUSE OF PEACE. RIFAI
SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH OTHERS IN THE MFA ON THE QUESTION,
BUT HE HELD OUT NO HOPE THAT THE KUWAITI POSITION WOULD BE
AFFECTED BY OUR DEMARCHE.
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